



NEWSPAPER NOTICE

UNIVAR USA INC., SPOKANE WASHINGTON NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE SITE CLEAN UP ORDER & DENY A PERMIT

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 1-December 15, 2006

Univar USA Inc. has satisfied the requirements of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrative Order on Consent and EPA proposes to terminate the order. In addition, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to deny a dangerous waste management facility permit for the facility, and concurrently terminate interim status for the facility.

Univar is located at 4515 East Wisconsin Avenue in Spokane, Washington. Beginning in 1969 Univar accepted bulk shipments of mineral acids, volatile hydrocarbon solvents, and antifreeze formulations and repackaged them into smaller quantities for distribution. In addition to the repackaged chemicals, Univar stored other chemical products, including a line of pesticides.

Univar had been operating under "interim status" standards. This status is available to facilities that existed before they became regulated by the state Dangerous Waste regulations. "Interim status" allows a facility to continue operating while the regulating agencies evaluate its permit application. However, in 1985 Univar informed EPA and Ecology of their intent to close all interim status hazardous waste handling areas. Following closure of these areas in 1994, the only remaining obligation was cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater. Pursuant to EPA's cleanup order, Univar investigated contamination at the facility, then proposed and implemented cleanup activities to restore the site. After completing a review of the data, EPA believes Univar has met the terms of the Order and proposes a "corrective action complete without controls" determination which formally concludes the cleanup process. In conjunction with this determination, Ecology seeks to deny a final Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit and terminate interim status at the facility to formally conclude the permitting process.

The result of the decisions, if implemented, will be that management of dangerous wastes requiring a treatment, storage or disposal permit will no longer be allowed at this facility. Anyone who wishes to treat, store, or dispose of dangerous waste at this site will be required to obtain a dangerous waste management facility permit prior to the start of any dangerous waste activity that is not specifically exempt from permitting. The termination of EPA's order indicates that human health and environmental risks have been addressed and EPA proposes to take no further cleanup action at this site.

Ecology and EPA are seeking public comment on the proposed decisions. To be considered, comments must be in writing and must be received by **December 15, 2006**. Comments may be submitted to Greg Caron, Washington Department of Ecology, 15 W. Yakima Ave #200, Yakima, WA 98902, or by e-mail at grca461@ecy.wa.gov. A public hearing may be scheduled if significant interest in having a hearing is expressed in writing before the end of the comment period. In the request, please state the nature of the issues to be raised. Please send hearing requests to Greg Caron (see above). Ecology and EPA will provide a thirty-day notice in advance of any scheduled hearing date. For more information or if you would like to receive a fact sheet with more details, call Greg at (509) 454-7893, 711 or (800)833-6388 (TDD)

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